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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUeagles.com) -- Eastern Michigan Head Gymnastics Coach Jay Santos announced, Aug. 20, the addition of Julia Schwartz (Gilbert, Ariz.-Mesquite) to the team's latest recruiting class. Schwartz will join the Eagles this Fall and is the first recruit to sign with Santos at the helm of the program. She joins Catie Conrad (South Lyon, Mich.-Brighton), Kirsten Gendron (Birch Run, Mich.-Frankenmuth) and Kendall Valentin (Holmdel, N.J.-Holmdel) as part of the incoming freshman class for the 2015 season.

"I am extremely excited to announce the signing of Julia," commented Coach Santos. "She is a talented athlete that is from a very strong region for gymnastics and she has had great success over the last two seasons. Vaulting is probably her strongest event but I'm very confident she will contribute right away in her freshman year on multiple events and has the potential to be an all-around gymnast for us."

Schwartz is a Level 10 gymnast from Arizona Dynamics in Chandler, Ariz. and has experience in all four routines, boasting a personal-best all-around score of 38.400 when she won the Senior B division at the Valley of the Sun Challenge, March 7. The Gilbert, Ariz. native also represented Arizona Dynamics at the Level 10 J.O. National Championships, May 9, where she placed 14th in the all-around competition. Other major competitions that Schwartz has participated in include the Region 1 Championships, where she finished fourth in the all-around, as well as the Arizona State Championships, where she was the all-around runner up.
In terms of scores, Schwartz's career-high is on vault with a 9.725. She also posted personal bests of 9.625 and 9.600 on the balance beam and floor exercise, respectively. Her highest mark on bars occurred at the 2014 Long Beach Open, Feb. 7, as she received a 9.550 from the judges.